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Chaplin, V.D.

JOINED.  
Sapper W. J. Davis joined the Corps on 14th, 1916, is allotted Corps No. 1981 and is posted to Engineer Company.

Leicester Rifles, from 17th to 31st March is posted on the notice board at Headquarters for information of all concerned.

PARADES.  
Parade 21st instant—  
7.00 a.m. and 5.30 p.m.—Members of Signalling Section and other Signallers as detailed in Signalling Section order 8.12.15.—Morse Flag and Morse Lamp practice at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m.—Special drill for N.C.O.s of Scouts Co. at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m.—Recruits of all units—Squad drill and Rifle exercise at Headquarters under Sergt. Long, and Ramsey and one N.C.O. from Right Section M.G. Co.

DRILL.

On duty until morning of 17th instant: H.K.V.R.

On duty 17th instant: Right Section M.G. Co.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

COMMENDATION.  
P. C. 158. Mok Li Sang of the Hongkong Police Reserve is commended by the Capt. Supt. of Police for his plucky conduct in effecting the arrest of an armed robber who had committed a robbery at 38 Gage Street on the 23rd, January 1916 and the recovery of a part of the stolen property.

ROUNDED PATROLS.  
The Hon. Mr. D. Lindale has presented "Harry" to this detachment.

PLATOON PARADES.

No. 2 Co. (3) will parade at St. Joseph's College on Thursday, March 16th at 5.30 p.m.

Other parades as previously notified.

CORPORAL PARADES.  
All ranks of No. 2 Co., including the Band are required to attend the Procession of the Cross at the Roman Catholic Cathedral on Sunday 19th March. Fall in at Central Police Station at 4.30 p.m. sharp.

Uniform, Helmets and Spikes. No arms to be carried.

Catholic members of the Police Reserve not belonging to No. 2 Co. who wish to attend may do so by arranging with Chief Inspector D'Almada.

MURKETTY, MARCH 17TH.

In order to permit of No. 2 Co. standing Church Parade on this date the attendance at the Range will be as follows instead of as previously notified:

Levée Blaue Pier 9.0 a.m.—No. 2 Co.

Levée Blaue Pier 11.30 a.m.—No. 3 Co.

Levée Blaue Pier 2.30 p.m.—No. 1 Co.

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Friday, March 17th at 6.15 p.m. sharp.

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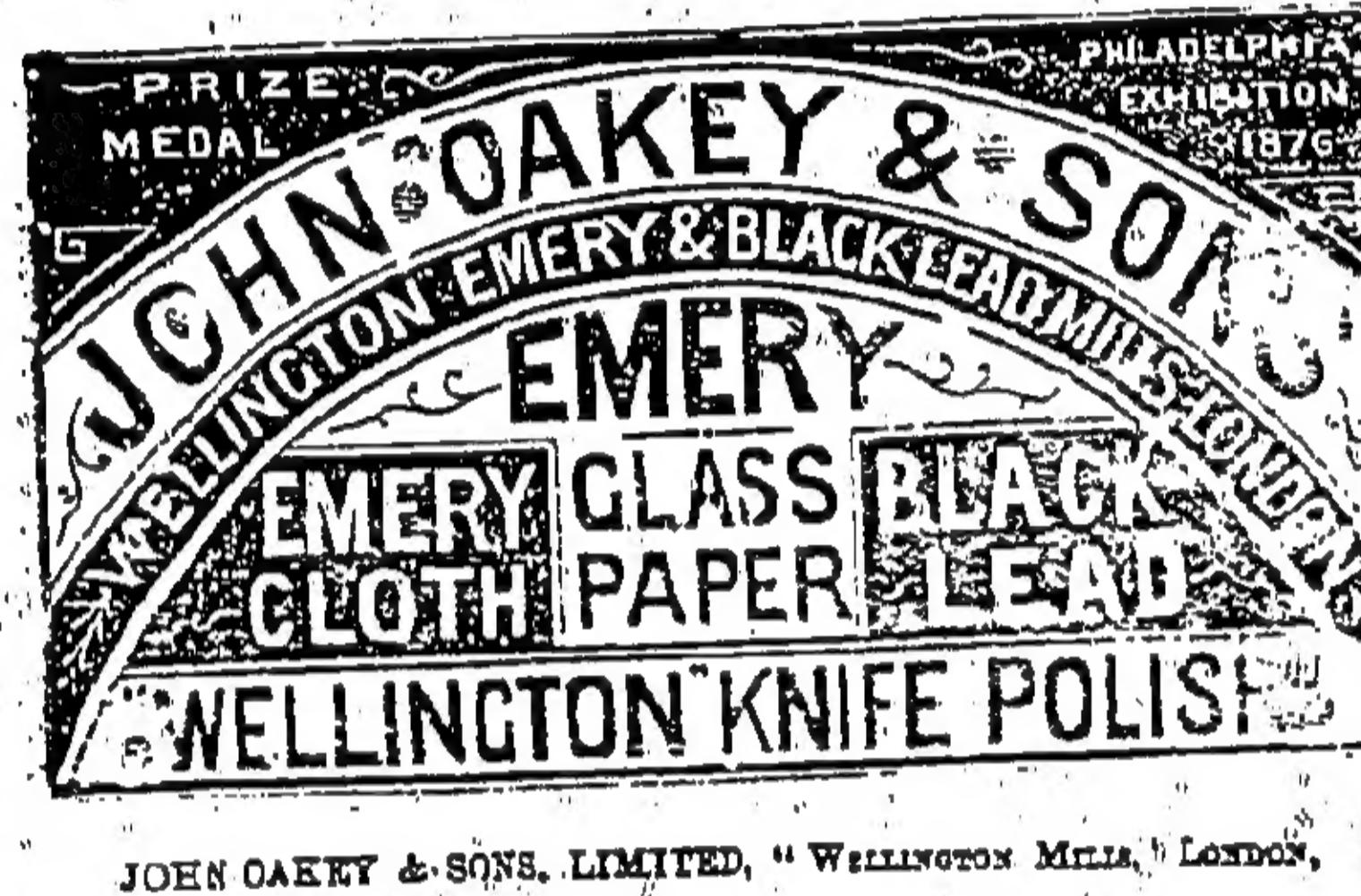
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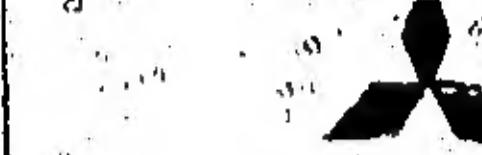
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Hongkong, March 11, 1916. 422

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Hongkong, March 13, 1916. 428

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Hongkong, March 7, 1916. 408

## AUCTIONS.

### NOTICE OF POSTPONEMENT OF SALE

THE SALE OF FURNITURE etc., etc., at Ridge House, Amwood Road, on WEDNESDAY, Nov. has been Postponed.

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Hongkong, March 13, 1916. 427

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

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the 16th March, 1916, at 11 a.m., at the Gate House, "King's Gate," Kennedy Road.

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J. W. STEEL.

Asst. Victualling Store Officer i/c  
Hongkong, March 11, 1916. 418

### NOTICE.

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All craft are warned to pass outside 100 yards from this area and all steamers must ease their engines to slow when passing within 50 yards of her.

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C. W. BECKWILL,  
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Harbour Department,  
Hongkong, March 11, 1916. 419

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

A COMPEITION will be held over the FAN LING COURSE, commencing on 1st April for a prize kindly presented by E. W. Hill, Esq., of the Royal Engineers.

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Intending competitors are requested to sign their names on the boards at Happy Valley or Fan Ling or to send in writing to the Undersigned C. W. Hill, Bradley & Co., Ltd. not later than the 25th instant.

T. W. HILL,  
Acting Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, March 14, 1916. 420

WHAT! NO ENVELOPES?

There is a horrible suggestion, says a London paper, that the increased price of paper may lead to the disappearance of the envelope. Those who make it have probably not realised the full terror of their suggestion. "I remember when envelopes first came into use," says Sir Walter Gilbey in an article published four years ago. "What a boon they were considered after the old system of closing the letter with wax or sealing. Before envelopes were invented letters were always written with an eye to the position of the wax or seal, blank spaces being left to correspond with the space where the wax would be put on the envelope. The writer should be sure to leave the writing portion should be torn in opening." Somehow one is not sure to see the modern letter writer exercising these painstaking precautions. The letter card is to most of us an uninitiated curse, but the return of the wiser is really unthinkable.

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**THE DIARY.****MEMO. FOR TO-DAY.**  
8.30 p.m.—Concert in the Sailors' and  
Soldiers' Home.**MEMO. FOR TO-MORROW.**  
11 a.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, etc., at Messrs. Hughes and  
Hough's.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, March 17.—  
St. Patrick's Day.2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-  
ture, etc., at Messrs. Hughes and  
Hough's.2.30 p.m.—Auction of Tientsin Carpets  
and Rugs at Messrs. Hughes and  
Hough's.SUNDAY, March 19.—  
9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by a.m.  
"Taishan".WEDNESDAY, March 22.—  
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Paint at Messrs.  
Hughes and Hough's.THURSDAY, March 23.—  
11 a.m.—Auction of Mess Furniture,  
Billiard Table and Pictures at A.S.C.  
Barracks, Queen's Road.FRIDAY, March 24.—  
11 a.m.—Drawing of Hongkong Club  
Debentures.FRIDAY, March 25.—  
11.30 a.m.—Hongkong Rope Co.  
Meeting.11.45 a.m.—Hongkong Rope Co.  
Extraordinary Meeting.9 a.m.—Volunteer Sergeants' Mass  
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2.30 p.m.—Hongkong Club General  
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Meeting.WEDNESDAY, March 29.—  
Hongkong Stock Exchange Settlement  
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**SUMMARY COURT CASES.****A LIFE FOR A LOAN.**

How a daughter was pledged as security for a loan was told in the Summary Court this morning in the course of the hearing of a claim for the recovery of the money. Defendant, who admitted owing the principal, said he had pledged his natural daughter as security.

Mr. Tse—The daughter was mortgaged. The Chief Justice (to plaintiff): You did not arrest your daughter if of the security?

Defendant interjected that his daughter was not with plaintiff a month. Plaintiff

said he did not treat her properly, so he took her away.

Plaintiff denied that the girl was ever with him.

His Lordship said unless plaintiff was a money lender he had no business to charge interest, but his Lordship did not see why he should be deprived of interest altogether and made an order for the payment of the principal amount claimed, \$30, and two months' interest amounting to \$2.

The President (Sir H. Haviland de Saumarez) asked who the plaintiff was.

Mr. Sharp said it was nobody his Lordship had heard of. His Counsel did not know the name. The action was started before the petition and he was told would swallow up anything there was.

The President: I should like to see the file.

Mr. Potter said the attitude of the Official Receiver, the liquidator, took up on that judgment was that he was not concerned with it as all because if the liquidation went on the judgment did not bind him at all and if he liked he could apply to it set aside.

The President: How was it the action was not stayed? Why did the representative of the Company not take that point?

Mr. Potter said he did not think they had any power once the liquidator had been appointed. The company had filed a defense and the matter was taken on that defense because a liquidator had been appointed provisionally and because a winding up order had been made. The winding up order had been made. The liquidator was cognisant of the whole thing.

Mr. Sharp: The liquidator looked into the claim and saw that there were no assets to meet it or fight it.

Mr. Potter: We think the case should have gone over.

The hearing of the appeal then proceeded.

After Mr. Potter had concluded his address Mr. Sharp replied.

The case was concluded during the afternoon, and judgment reserved.

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## THE WAR.

## TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

## BRITISH VICTORY IN EAST AFRICA.

## TELEGRAPHIC REPORT FROM GENERAL SMUTS.

LONDON, Mar. 13.

General Smuts, Commander-in-Chief of the British forces in East Africa, in a telegram dated March 12th, says the action which commenced on the morning of the 11th inst. against the German prepared positions in the Kitoto Hills, westward of Taveta, resulted in a most obstinate struggle with wavering fortunes till nightfall.

The densely wooded and steep hills were strongly held by the enemy, the most formidable obstacles being portions of positions which were taken and retaken several times.

The final attack with the bayonet was delivered between 9 p.m. and midnight. Two parties, led by Lieutenant-Colonel French and Major Thompson of the South African Infantry, secured a hold which they maintained till they were reinforced the following morning, when the German native troops were seen streaming away towards Kabe, in a south-western direction.

Simultaneously one of the Scouts mounted brigades was engaged in clearing the foothills north-east of Kilimanjaro of the enemy forces which had been cut off from the main body by the rapid British advance on the 8th, 9th and 10th. Movements are progressing to bar the retreat of these isolated forces westward.

Concurrently with the above actions a strong column under Major-General Stewart from the direction of Longido appeared on the Arusha-Moshi road, in the rear of the main German concentration. The enemy is consequently retreating southwards towards the Usambara railway. The pursuit continues.

## THE POSITION OF BULGARIA; INTERESTING STATEMENT BY PREMIER.

ATHENS, Mar. 13.

A Sofia telegram states that Dr. Radulovitch, President of the Council, declared in the "Sehrengi" that he would not oppose the establishment of an autonomous Albania. He was ignorant of what would happen to Serbia. Bulgaria was not closely related with either of her neighbours. The agreement with Turkey could to-morrow become only a scrap of paper.

## BRAZIL AND GERMAN SHIPS.

RIO DE JANEIRO, Mar. 13.

The Cabinet is considering the question of chartering German vessels.

## THE NEW BRITISH ARMY.

## A MILLION RECRUITS IN FOUR DAYS.

LONDON, Mar. 14.

Mr. Tenant, Under-Secretary for War, in the course of a debate in the House of Commons paid a tribute to the wonderful discipline of the men of the new Army considering their short term of training. A million recruits had been enlisted in four days under Lord Derby's scheme. Bachelors, employed in munition making and all other national industries would be reduced to a minimum. The Government would see that the married men were not "left down." He dwelt upon the enormous development of the Army, mentioning as an instance that the stores created since the outbreak of the war would have lasted in normal times 140 years. He emphasised the merits of the system of purchase "behalf of all the allied."

## FIGHTING ON THE FRENCH FRONT.

## NO FURTHER INFANTRY ACTION IN VERDUN REGION.

PARIS, Mar. 14.

"To-day's communiqué states: North of Verdun the bombardment has been intensified west of the Meuse against Mort-Houmeau and in the region of Bois de Bourgras.

Our batteries shelled enemy gatherings between Forges and Chois' wood.

There has been moderate artillery activity on the right of the Meuse and in Woerpe, but there was no infantry action during the day.

The Germans attacked the trenches we recently recaptured east of Seppois, in upper Alsace, but our artillery and infantry fire quickly drove them back to their trenches.

Our artillery north of the Aisne wreaked enemy organisations at several points on the Vaudre plateau.

Heavy guns bombarded German works in Champagne and Eastern Argonne.

## ACTIONS IN THE AIR.

Our aviators were remarkably active to-day. Six machines dropped 120 bombs on the strategic station of Brelles, north of Verdun. Numerous actions were fought in which we indisputably had the advantage. Three German aeroplanes were brought down and others were seen to be falling but their destruction has not been verified.

PARIS, Mar. 14.

"To-day's communiqué says: 'West of the Meuse the cannonade has been fairly violent during the night.'

A strong German reconnaissance in Haudremont Wood was checked by our curtain of fire.

The bombardment continued violent at Vaux and Dantzig, also did the artillery activity in Woerpe, notably in the sector of Eix.

The Germans attempted an attack on Bois-le-Pretre, but it was dispersed by our rifle fire, and the enemy left a number of dead behind.

## ENEMY'S MASSED ARTILLERY AT VERDUN.

WHOLE GERMAN PLAN WRECKED.

LONDON, Mar. 13.

A German artillery observation officer among the prisoners taken at Verdun says that originally the German artillery was massed in block, and everyone was "convinced" that Verdun would crumble into dust; but gradually the French shells poured on the massed artillery compelling it to disperse, and wrecking the whole German plan.

## ACTIVITY ON BRITISH FRONT.

LONDON, Mar. 14.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports that the enemy exploded mines at Carnoy and near the La Bassée-Bethune road, but no damage was done.

We successfully bombarded the region of the Mamez-Lille Armentières railway and Hooge.

There has been considerable artillery activity about Loos, and considerable aerial activity on both sides. Thirty-two hostile machines were engaged and three were brought down.

## BRITISH MILITARY APPOINTMENTS.

LONDON, Mar. 14.

Major-General Heath, Director of Quartermaster, has been appointed Deputy Quartermaster-General. Colonel Atkins, Deputy Director of Supplies, has been appointed Temporary Director, in place of Major-General Long.

## IRELAND AND MUNITION-MAKING.

## GREATER FACILITIES URGED.

LONDON, Mar. 13.

A deputation of Irish businessmen headed by Mr. John Redmond, waited upon Mr. Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, to urge greater facilities for munition making in Ireland and the equipment of national shell and fuse factories. The deputation declared that the Trade Unions would help the work.

Mr. Lloyd George replied that he was anxious to utilise the "reserves" in Ireland to the utmost, but it could not be ignored that the men of Ireland was not industrial country. He pointed out that Belfast's contribution to the conduct of the war was second to none in the United Kingdom. He was not sanguine enough to hope that the war would be ended before July and therefore he could not make plans for delivery of machinery on such an assumption. There was no reason why Ireland should not become more prosperous industrially. He would seize the opportunities afforded by munition making for industrially developing Ireland.

The Deputation agreed to form a permanent committee to make definite suggestions to the ministry of munitions.

## CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(Wah Tsu Yat Po's Service.)

## THE YUNNAN REVOLT.

PEKING, Mar. 14.

The Governor of Szechuan, Chun Yee, and two of the Generals propose an amicable settlement with the Yunnan rebels.

Owing to a report that large reinforcements are coming from Yunnan-Fu, via Chiaotso, to Jinchow, the Government has ordered all the armies to take precautions.

## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

## CANADA'S SACRIFICE.

LONDON, Mar. 14.

A semi-official announcement states that the German method of counting the prisoners at Verdun is based on the principle of a stage army.

Le Matin states that the German losses at Verdun were 200,000.

## WAR COUNCIL OF THE ALLIES.

PARIS, Mar. 14.

The great War Council of all the Allies met at General Joffre's headquarters.

## DIRECTOR OF SUPPLIES AND TRANSPORT RESIGNS.

LONDON, Mar. 13.

Major-General S. S. Long has resigned the Directorship of Supplies and Transport, a position which he has held since 1914.

The Daily Express states that Major-General Long resigned at the request of Mr. Lloyd George.

## AN OVERSEAS MISSION.

LONDON, Mar. 14.

Brigade General Minchin has undertaken a special mission overseas.

## PROMINENT INVALIDS.

LONDON, Mar. 14.

Mr. Asquith Chamberlain is still confined to his room with an attack of influenza.

Lord Curzon, who was operated upon for a broken arm, is improving.

## THE MEXICAN REBELLION.

AMERICAN EXPEDITION ENTERS MEXICO.

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## THE SHIPPING COMMITTEE.

LONDON, Mar. 14.

The following are the members of the Committee, presided over by Lord Curzon, which was recently appointed to advise the Government on the allocation of shipping tonnage to the best advantage: Lord Fawcett.

One of the New Year peers, is better known as Sir Alexander Henderson, chairman of the Great Central Railway.

He recently visited the neutral countries adjacent to Germany to ascertain for the Government the amount of trade tonnage through those countries to the enemy.

Mr. Thomas Royden.

Eldest son of Sir Thomas Royden, a well-known Liverpool shipowner, and deputy chairman of the Cunard Company.

Mr. F. W. Lewis.

Deputy chairman of Messrs. Furness, With and Co.

## RAIDING ENEMY SEAPLANE.

DRIVEN OFF BEFORE REACHING ENGLAND.

LONDON, Mar. 14.

The German seaplane which was sighted on North Foreland at noon on Sunday did not reach land, British aeroplanes chasing the seaplane seawards.

## TURKEY SEEKING PEACE.

HEIR APPARENT URGED TO INTERCEDE.

LONDON, Mar. 14.

A letter from Constantinople states that a numerously signed memoir by the Heir Apparent to urge the Sultan to change the Government with a view to concluding a separate peace with the Entente.

## A LIFE SAVER.

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## MARRIED MEN PROTEST.

DEMAND THAT ALL SINGLE MEN BE FIRST CALLED UP.

LONDON, Mar. 14.

Large protest meetings of abstained men, which were held in Coventry, Leicester, Sheffield and Wigan yesterday, passed resolutions demanding that all single men should be called up before the married men are summoned.

It is understood that a Cabinet Committee is considering the matter.

It has been decided to delete large batches of industries from the starred lists, and to eliminate the single men in other trades.

## EFFECT OF VERDUN AT BERLIN AND BUDAPEST.

LINE MEN IN DREAMS.

LONDON, Mar. 14.

The heroine of the story was Aiko, the daughter of Mr. Doi Yoshi, President of the Kuchiyawa Bank. She was educated at the Yuhigaku Girls' High School, Osaka, and while there lived with Mrs. Adams, a well-known teacher in the Umeda Girls' High School. In December 1913, being then 20 years old, she was betrothed to Nakamachi Shikuro, 27 years old, the son of Mr. Kawakami Makiochi, who is reported to be the richest man in Awa.

The marriage was performed at an hotel in Maiko, and Aiko went to live in Shidzukumachi, not only with her husband, but more Japanese, with his father and mother, three sisters (one of them widowed) and two brothers. Here, in the following December, she gave birth to a daughter.

For the plain record of facts, which can be easily verified and are therefore not in dispute, the Japanese papers openly accuse the mother-in-law and the wife's sister-in-law of continual harsh treatment of the young bride—but that is a common feature of the Asiatic mind—and that may be nothing in itself could be held illibellous. As always seems to be the case, the husband was entirely under the domination of his mother, did nothing to mitigate the severity of the treatment and did not even show signs of deplored it.

When the baby arrived, it is alleged, the elder sister, though there were not the slightest grounds for such an accusation, declared that it must be the fruit of some unnatural conjunction—a charge which greatly distressed the young mother.

To add to the troubles of poor Aiko, her father was arrested on a charge of financial irregularities connected with the bank, and died while under examination. Aiko went to the funeral, and, on her return to her father-in-law's house, was so overwhelmed with continual reproaches that she went back to her mother. Once more she came to Awa, but the mother and sister refused to let her into the house or to see her husband. With her baby she made her way to Osaka, where an old man, a retired professor, took her in. Here she lived for some time, but on December 1st, with her year-old child, she left the house without the knowledge of the others living there. She appears to have had the intention of once more seeking whether she could resume her position as the wife of Shikuro, but, at 2 o'clock in the morning, her courage failing her, she jumped overboard with her baby from the Toyosu-maru, of Wada, the bodies being recovered many miles apart during the following days.

Of course, this latter part of the story must be taken with all the reserve due to the very unverified "third page" reports. There may be an Awa version which would put a different complexion on it. Exactly the same sort of thing has, however, very frequently happened, and such cases seem to be the outcome of the abuse of the teachings of Confucius and widely observed.

Ordinarily the public is no more sympathetic than the mother-in-law, but in this case the victim, before her tragic act, wrote a long and pitiful letter telling of her woes, which, after her death, appeared in the *Asahi Shimbun* under the pseudonym "Shishagi." The family being so prominent and the tragedy and its reported cause so notorious, all the papers copied the letter, commented on it, and published other letters upon it from readers.

A popular story that set going, it has accumulated details like an avalanche. It is the theme of the novelist, the dramatist, and the movies. All sorts of apocryphal incidents are incorporated, such, for instance, as the discovery of a younger brother-in-law in the act of forcing the family safe, his prayers that his guilt be disclosed, his flight on footsteps approaching, and the young wife, discovered in front of the broken safe, and accused of the theft, taking blows and reproaches in a pathetic silence, unwilling to admit the act of the superior sex. In both the drama can be seen at a Kyoto cinema-epoché, and, to this day, it is said to have spread all over the country.

Things move quickly by mechanical aid nowadays, in which many a famous romance is sprung up. Witness, for instance, the difference between Milford's simple relation of the Forty-seven Ronin, and the development of the tale into the *Chushingura*. The tale of Aiko has the elements of a stock drama in that it is a case typical of the country—or rather of the continent—and illustrates a popular awakening to a great social injustice. In the course of time the tale will be far removed from its origin, as the family will not be regarded as the responsible culprits, and in the same time it is decidedly uncomfortable for the Kawakami if the girl was really hysterical or unbalanced. If she were not, they deserve all they have got, but they may think it equally hard that they should be selected by fate for obloquy, when just the same thing happened without attracting notice to any.

Lord Justice Balfour came to the conclusion that there was a constructive loss of the goods proximately caused by the pirates and that the respondents were entitled to recover £44,800 in respect of a marine insurance policy.

They insured with the appellants two cargoes from River Plate ports to Hamburg, but while the vessels were on the voyage were cut out and the ships were by one division sent to Liverpool and by the other to Glasgow. At these ports the cargoes were discharged and stored. The respondents then gave notice to the insurance company of what had been done, and at the same time claimed a sum insured for constructive loss of the goods and restraint of prises.

Their lordships unanimously dismissed the appeal with costs.

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## P. &amp; O. S. N. Co.

WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on or about the DATES named—

STEAMERS To San Francisco  
 SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, MALTA, 3 p.m. Freight and  
 & YOKOHAMA (Capt. C. C. TALBOT, R.N.R.) 17th Mar. Passage.  
 LONDON & BOMBAY via NOVARA (Capt. 3 p.m.) See Special  
 List of Ports of Call. (B. R. HETHERINGTON, R.N.R.) 24th Mar. Despatch  
 SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, NAGOYA, About Freight and  
 & YOKOHAMA (Capt. A. B. GARNETT, R.N.R.) 29th Mar. Passage.  
 LONDON via SINGAPORE (CREW) About Freight and  
 PERAK, COLOMBO PORT (Capt. D. A. SCOTT) 30th Mar. Passage.  
 SAID & MARSEILLES.....  
 All the above steamers are fitted with Wireless Telegraphy.

E. V. D. PARR,  
 P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office.  
 Acting Superintendent.

## OSAKA SHOSEN KAISHA.

REGULAR SERVICE. PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG  
 (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION).

THE AMERICAN LINE TO TACOMA  
 AND SEATTLE

in connection with THE CHICAGO MILWAUKEE &  
 ST. PAUL RAILWAY  
 FOR VICTORIA AND TACOMA VIA  
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SANDARAN	MAUSANG	SATURDAY, Mar. 18, at Noon.
MANILA	YUENSANG	SATURDAY, Mar. 18, at 3 p.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG &	KUMSANG	WEDNESDAY, Mar. 21, at 3 p.m.
HAIPHONG	LOKSANG	WEDNESDAY, Mar. 22, Daylight.
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p.m. about	about	about	about	about	about	about
— NANKIN	Mar. 3	Mar. 9	MONGOLIA	April 9	April 16	
NOVARA	Mar. 20	Mar. 24	MALVA	April 23		
MALTA	April 3	April 7	CHIYTA	May 8	May 15	
NAGOTA	April 17	April 21	MOOLANT	May 22	May 29	
NAMUR	May 1	May 5	KASHGAR	June 12	June 26	
NANKIN	May 13	May 19	KARITALA	June 19	July 10	
NOVARA	June 20	June 22	KASHMIR	July 3	July 10	
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about	about	about	about	about	about	about
1916	1916	1916	1916	1916	1916	1916
NELORE	Jan. 22	Jan. 31	Feb. 15	Feb. 11	Mar. 12	Mar. 19
MONGARA	Jan. 29	Feb. 15	Feb. 21	Mar. 20	Mar. 29	April 20
NORE	Mar. 13	Mar. 23	Mar. 30	April 4	May 4	May 11
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for any reason from the German lines to approach close enough to the British lines to see any occurrence in detail.

The G.O.C. the Indian Corps, after a full investigation, states that it appears to him clear that the charge brought by the German Government rests on no secure foundation whatever, and that the following points are clearly established:

(1) No maltreatment whatever was practised by British or Indian troops.

(2) German wounded were rescued with heroism by British officers and men, and received most humane treatment in every way.

"no such occurrence."

The evidence which I have quoted above would appear to me conclusively to show that no such occurrence as that described in the German note verifiable could have happened but I would further draw your attention to the following facts, which appear to me to show that the evidence produced by the Germans is far from being of a reliable nature.

In the first place Corporal Weidmann and Lance-Corporal Bischoff state that the man who related to them the story on which this charge is founded informed them that he had been out in the open from March 12 to March 17, i.e., 5 days and 5 nights. It is almost inconceivable that a man who had been unable to move during that time and had been without food should have had strength enough to crawl back to the German trenches from within five metres of the British line. Even admitting the physical possibility of such an extraordinary feat, the mental state of a man who has lain out bodily wounded for five days and nights without food or drink would almost certainly be such as to render any of his statements totally unreliable.

It will not have escaped notice that he said to have stated that he escaped being killed by flinging death, whereas the witness adds that he had a rope tied to his leg by the English to prevent his return to his own lines, the two statements being absolutely contradictory. Furthermore, the German account states that according to the wounded man's evidence a German officer and some men attempted to release the Unteroffizier who was tied to the tree, but did not succeed on account of the British fire. They approached, however, within speaking distance, and learnt that he came from Wurzburg. It is this statement to be true, how is it that the German authorities have not obtained the evidence of the above mentioned officer and men, since it is inconceivable that a German officer had ever seen such an occurrence as the one described, he would not have reported it in order that official notice might be taken of it? Such evidence would have been of a far more weighty nature than hearsay evidence based on the wild statements alleged to have been made by a wounded man who had lain out on the battlefield for five days and nights.

INTERVIEW WITH GERMANY.

Lastly, even if the evidence of the officer and men cannot be obtained, how is it that the German Government have not interrogated the wounded man himself rather than reply on the hearsay evidence of the officers and men?

The German Government most energetically protests against this violation of international law, and requests the American Embassy through the intervention of its Government kindly to bring the protest to the attention of the French and British Governments in order that those two Governments will, with all means, prevent the repetition of similar acts.

The plaints of evidence of the two English bases are attached, and contain the following points, the witnesses being N.C.O. Weidmann and Stretcher-Bearer James-Corporal Bischoff. Weidmann said—

On the night of March 15/16, 1915, our company occupied a trench near Aubers. There was a Bavarian infantry soldier. He was wounded, so he said, in the upper part of the thigh with five metres from the English line, and lay there when our troops retired on March 12, 1915. Thereupon Englishmen and Indians came out of their trench and removed the equipment from the German wounded, the Indians also striking the wounded with the butts of their rifles. From March 12 to 17, i.e., five days and five nights, he lay there flinging death by day. During this time he saw the English as a German temporary officer to a tree in front of his position. The latter once made signs with his handkerchief and was then run over by a German officer and some men attempted to release the man, but did not succeed on account of the enemy's fire. They approached him slowly, however, as to be able to speak to him, and he said he came from Wurzburg. He had, when we found him in the trench, a rope about 1 metre 50 long tied to his foot. He said the English had tied up the German wounded in order to prevent their return.

It is on record that Major Diplomatic Captain Sanders and Captain Neworthy, with some men of the 1st Gurkhas, rescued several wounded Bavarians of the 10th and 20th Bavarian Reserve Regiments at considerable risk to themselves. Two of these men actually were lying nearer to the German than to the British trench (S. of Neuve Chapelle), and the rescue was carried out under fire from the German trenches.

Repeated fires of "Kardar Hill" from the wounded Bavarians had had no effect whatever on the British, who made no attempt at rescue, and fired on the British officers when, at night, they came out to bring these wounded.

A number of German wounded, Bavarian and Prussian, were brought in by other British and Indian units. All these men were most grateful for the gallant way in which they had been brought in, and for the kind treatment they had received.

Two Bavarian spoils of the war in which they had been deserted by the Prussians. These men had been lying out in the open from two to six days and nights, and the statements of those who had been lying out for longer periods were gambling and incoherent. As far as is known, the majority of these wounded recovered, and are at present in captivity in England. They can, if necessary, substantiate the truth of these statements, as can the gallant British officers who rescued them.

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